office of the Director of Operations of Oil India Limited to New Delhi; and

(c) whether Government is considering to revert to its earlier decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The Corporate Office of the Oil India Limited is now located at Duliajan (Assam). There is no proposal to shift the Corporate Office of the Company or the office of Director (Operations) to New Delhi.

Settlement of trade margin

1281. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3724 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trade margins were incorporated in Drugs Price Control Order, 1987 without any study;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this Ministry did not take any approval from Cabinet before increasing the trade margins;

(c) what view was taken on the issue of trade margins by Kelkar Committee and to whom the reference has been made thereafter;

(d) whether the issue of trade margins is a financial issue or economic issue;

(e) what are the reasons for not referring the issue of trade margins to cost experts of Ministry of Finance for settling once for all;

(f) whether it is a fact that the trade is not satisfied with the present increase in margin; and

(g) if so, what is the present position and by when this issue will be decided finally?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Trade margins were revised under DPCO, 1987 after approval by appropriate authority;

(c) On the basis of recommendation of the Group, headed by Dr. Vijay Kelkar, constituted for this purpose, the Government have revised the trade margins.

(d) to (g) An Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. I. Z. Bhatti, Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research was constituted on 14th September, 1988 to undertake a detailed and comprehensive study of the pattern of trade margin in the Pharmaceutical Industry and to give its recommendations to the Government within a period of 4 months.

Undertaking from drug company on Multi-Vitamin Price case

1282. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3290 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Bombay High Court gave its judgement on multi-vitamin cases;

(b) what are the details of judgement and when was it delivered;

(c) whether the judgement was in one case or in all the cases;

(d) what follow up action was taken by his Ministry on the judgement;

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry took any undertaking from a multinational drug company;

(f) if so, the name of the company and details of undertaking;

(g) what were the basis on which his Ministry felt the need for an undertaking;